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(57) Abstract: Disclosed herein is the use of chemical irritants, such as vanilloid receptor-1 agonists, in sustained/controlled release pharmaceutical preparations which also contain a drug typically having high abuse potential. Inclusion of the VR1 agonist in the pharmaceutical preparation interferes with illicit or inappropriate dosing without significantly interfering with the action of the therapeutic. Also disclosed are exemplary co-formulations of capsaicin (a VR1 agonist) and oxycodone (an opioid therapeutic having high abuse potential) in controlled release preparations.

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